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(54) Title: METHODS FOR PREPARATION OF BIOPROSTHETIC TISSUE AND IMPLANTABLE DEVICES COMPRISING  
SUCH BIOPROSTHETIC TISSUE

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides methods of inactivating and removing infectious agents from tissues of use in biopros-  
thetic devices. The methods include the removal and blockage of binding sites on the tissues for the infectious agents. Also provided  
are methods for blocking a site on an infectious agent that binds to a site on the tissue. The invention also provides a method for  
preventing or reducing the calcification of a bioprosthetic tissue. The method includes removing or blocking a phospholipid calcium  
nucleation site from the tissue.

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Method of ELIMINATING OR REDUCING INFECTION in a biological material, comprising removing a binding site so that AN INFECTIOUS AGENT is prevented or inhibited from binding to the biological material.

2. Claims: 21-22

Method of TREATING a biological material, comprising REMOVING A BINDING SITE so that AN UNWANTED PROTEIN is prevented or inhibited from binding to the biological material.

3. Claims: 33-39

Method of ELIMINATING OR REDUCING INFECTION in a bioprosthetic tissue, comprising BLOCKING A BINDING SITE so that AN INFECTIOUS AGENT is prevented or inhibited from binding to the binding site.

4. Claims: 40-49

Method of ELIMINATING OR REDUCING INFECTION in a bioprosthetic tissue, comprising BLOCKING AN INFECTIOUS AGENT so that this agent is prevented or inhibited from binding to the tissue.

5. Claims: 50-60

Method of ELIMINATING OR REDUCING CALCIFICATION in a biological material, comprising REMOVING A PHOSPHOLIPID CALCIUM NUCLEATION SITE so that CALCIUM is prevented or inhibited from the binding to the biological material.

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